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## CIRCUIT COURT.

### Heavy Fine Inflicted for Vote Selling.

### Blankenship and Pack Brought Back Thursday from Catlettsburg for Trial.

The January term of the Lawrence Circuit Court began January 1st. Judge J. B. Hannah, who was prevented by serious illness from presiding over his court last fall, was present and is "doing things" with his usual vigor and dispatch. Mr. John M. Waugh, the Commonwealth's Attorney, being absent, the court appointed Mr. H. C. Sullivan to represent the State until Mr. Waugh's coming, which was on Tuesday morning.

As usual, the initial number on the day's programme was the formation of the Big 12, the Supreme Inquirers, otherwise known as the grand jury. The following comprise this important body:

R. S. Chaffin, foreman; Simon Bartlett, N. A. Borders, M. Z. Maynard, James York, James W. Diamond, R. B. Ferguson, J. N. McClure, J. B. Fraley, J. L. Osborne, L. R. Swan, Frank Hammond.

After having been duly sworn and charged the jury retired and at once began its inquiry.

Judge Hannah's charge to the grand jury was, like all his deliveries of this character, specific, clear and forcible. He certainly "pushed the button" Monday, and it is to be hoped to do the rest.

Following petit jury was impaneled and will be the regular term: Chaffin, Isaac Burton, E. S. Brook, L. W. Garred, E. S. J. H. Kasee, Robert Dixon, J. W. S. Shivel, C. B. Stewart, W. M. Cooksey, J. L. Patton, Lindsey Webb, W. S. Mason, Albert Caperton, C. B. Short, W. B. Clayton, H. B. Hewlett, S. Wilson, Brack Holbrook and J. B. Judd.

Two of the bribery cases were heard early this week and both defendants were convicted. Irvine Smith was fined \$500. James Vandy was fined \$50. Conviction for vote selling carries with it disfranchisement. Dealing in votes will not be a very active industry in this county for some time.

The case of Ben Blankenship, charged with the murder of Oscar Miller, had been set for Thursday, but was that against John Pack for shooting and wounding his wife.

The men, who had been taken to Catlettsburg for safe keeping, were brought back Thursday morning.

Just now the NEWS cannot say what disposition will be made of these cases. Judge S. G. Kinner, of Catlettsburg, and M. S. Burns will assist in the prosecution of Blankenship, and W. D. O'Neal, Cain and Thompson and M. C. Kirk will defend.

The trial of the gang of men and women that broke into the Hood's school house is set for Friday, the 5th.

LATER—The Blankenship case will be tried next Thursday, that of Pack having been fixed by the court.

**WANTS SIX TERMS YEARLY**

The Boyd County Bar Association had its first meeting since its organization last Tuesday. County court house at meeting among very important matters having the circuit court cleared was unanimously the committee legal reform to a bill to the Boyd county six hundred per year number were to be three three six-weeks Tribune.

### Huntington Had Big Fire.

Huntington had a disastrous fire Sunday one of the most destructive that has occurred there for a long time. The fire originated in the basement of the McCordy building, near third avenue on Ninth street, and involved the Five and Ten Cent store and the Frost shoe store, the Broth clothing house and other adjoining property to a greater or less extent. The Five and Ten Cent store and the Frost shoe store were the main sufferers and their loss very great, that of the Frost house having been especially severe practically ruining the entire stock which was large.

The goods in the Five and Ten Cent store were almost all damaged. The aggregate loss on these two establishments was heavy.

The fire coming as it did on Sunday, was watched by an immense throng of people, and so dense did the crowd become, that extra police had to be sworn in in order to keep the crowd back. It was a spectacular fire and the worst that has visited Huntington for some time.

### Death of Mrs. Borders.

Mrs. Clita Borders, wife of Marion Borders, formerly of this county but more recently of London, Ohio, died in a Columbus hospital on Sunday, Dec. 31. Her body was brought here the following day and was taken to her old home near Ulysses, where it was buried Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, in the Borders' graveyard. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Burns Conley. Mrs. Borders died of appendicitis. When she was taken to the hospital it was too late for an operation. Mrs. Borders was 52 years old and is survived by her husband and several children. She was a devout Christian and a devoted wife and mother. The family moved from the home place about four years ago. Mrs. Borders was the aunt of Mr. Len Burton, of this city.

### REVIVAL MEETINGS

### Began Wednesday Night at the M. E. Church South.

What bids fair to be a successful revival meeting began at the M. E. Church South Wednesday night. The attendance was larger, much larger, than is usual on the first night of a meeting. The service is conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Crites, who will do the preaching. The singing, a very important factor in meetings of this character, will be in charge of the Rev. Charles D. Lear, of Madisonville, Ky. Mr. Lear is well qualified for this work, having a strong musical voice, with an evident ability to make the people do their best in the way of singing.

A woman's prayer service was held at the residence of Mrs. Henry Preston Thursday afternoon. An announced elsewhere a men's meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and to this meeting every man and boy in Louisa is invited.

### Mr. Bartels Has Resigned.

Mr. Charles Bartels, long the superintendent of the Torchlight mines, has resigned that position to become general manager for the Reuben Fork, Square Deal and Cochran oil companies. Mr. Bartels brings to this position good business sense and fine executive ability, and will give all his time and attention to promoting the interests of the Companies. He will maintain his residence at Torchlight. Mr. Bartels is succeeded in the superintendency of the Torchlight mine by Mr. George W. Walkenshaw, of Byesville, Ohio. He is an experienced, practical mine man and is now on his job.

Tom Hays has a contract for drilling a well for the Cochran Oil company.

### MARTIN COUNTY GIRLS

### Relieved of Their Money While in Catlettsburg.

A young woman giving her name as Flossie Kirk, and whose home is said to have been until very recently in Greenbrier county, W. Va., made a great effort yesterday to replenish her finances, by "lifting" a few dollars from some college girls who were on their way to Richmond to attend the Eastern Kentucky Normal school.

These girls were a daughter of Dr. Fairchild, and Farmer Hinkle respectively, two prominent citizens of Louisa, Martin county. The girls had arrived on the forenoon Big Sandy train and had gone to the York House for dinner and to wait for the out going train to take them to Richmond. In the meantime, the Kirk woman came to the hotel and sat around the parlor until the hour for dinner had arrived and the two college girls went to the dining room, having left their pocket books in the room occupied by the Kirk woman. While they were out their pocket books were rifled and \$7.90 taken from one and \$5.50 from the other. The Kirk woman was suspected and the police was called and she was taken to a room and searched by Mrs. York, by direction of the police.

Mrs. York found a five dollar gold coin and a fifty cent silver coin in the woman's stocking but this was all she could find and it is the presumption of these knowing to the circumstances that the woman had an accomplice on the outside to whom she had switched the remaining sum of money taken from the girls.

The Kirk woman was taken before Judge McConnell and committed to jail and it is said that steps will likely be taken to have her sent to the reform school, as she is said to be between sixteen and seventeen years old.

Her mind is said to not be just right, though she has been married and has a living husband from whom she is separated.

She came here a week ago to make her home with relatives who resides a short distance in the country.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

### THE ENTERTAINMENT.

What was probably the largest audience of the season, so far, greeted the Harmony Concert Company at Masonic Hall last Monday evening. From all that had been said and written of the company much was expected of it, and the NEWS is glad to be able to say, truthfully, that all expectations were fully met. Four very capable people comprise the troupe, a tenor and a soprano singer, a pianist and reader and a violinist, every one excellent in her and his line. The singers are Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, the reader and pianist is Miss Leigh and Miss Cogswell is the violinist. Solo and duet singing, with piano and violin accompaniment, violin solos and readings made a delightful programme of nine announced numbers, nearly every one of which was encored two and three times.

Miss Leigh doesn't "read" at all, in the literal sense of the word. She talks to you in the most engaging, fetching sort of way, no soaring after the infinite, no diving after the unfathomable, but in a most natural, charming way she tells the story of a seaside flirtation, of the Hopping Mith Smith and Mithier "Do Both," which, with her funny little planologues, won recall after recall.

There, now, we've written so much about Miss Leigh that we have no room for much about the exquisite playing of Miss Cogswell and the delicious notes of the McIntyres and other choice selections. All in all it was a treat, long to be remembered by all who heard it.

### ONLY THREE LEFT.

Governor McCreary, former Lieut. Gov. John D. Underwood and Mr. T. D. Marcum, of Catlettsburg, are the only surviving members of the State Democratic ticket elected 1875. Col. Marcum was the successful candidate for Register of the Land Office when Gov. McCreary was elected State Executive for the first time.

### Another Hatfield Victim.

Willis Hatfield, a son of "Devil Anse," the noted feudist, is said to have killed Dr. E. O. Thornhill, in Wyoming county, W. Va., on Sunday afternoon. The report says that the shooting took place at a small town called Mullens, and the only provocation was the refusal of Dr. Thornhill to give Hatfield a prescription to the local drug store that he might procure liquor. The doctor had refused to give the prescription a second time when Hatfield drew his gun and shot the physician four times. Hatfield attempted to escape but was arrested by a crowd that witnessed the tragedy and was taken to the county jail at Pineville.

### C. & O. Telegraphers

Richmond, Va., December 29.—The demands of the telegraph operators of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for a 15 per cent increase in wages, which acts under provisions of the Erdman act, will be decided by the National Board of Mediation. This was decided upon today at the final conference with General Grice.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the Commerce Court, and Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, were immediately notified and will probably call a meeting of the board either in Washington or Richmond. In the event the Mediation Board grants the operators an increase equaling 12 1-2 per cent there will be no strike, otherwise a strike will be called, as the 800 members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway from Newport News to Chicago have thus voted.

### NEARLY A NONAGENARIAN.

Mrs. Morgan Martin, aged 88 years, died at her home on Little Blaine this week. Death was due to the infirmities of age. She was a good, Christian woman.

### A GIRL DROWNED.

### Miss Hazel Polley, Age 14, Finds Watery Grave.

Pikeville, Dec. 26.—Much excitement was caused here yesterday evening when it became known that Miss Hazel, second daughter of L. D. Polley, one of Elkhorn City's most prominent and wealthy citizens, was drowned late that afternoon. She was riding on a horse behind her cousin, Ray Venters, who was in the saddle, and the two attempted to ford the Big Sandy in order to reach the young girl's home in Elkhorn City. The splash dam of the Yellow Poplar Lumber Company had just previously let off and the river was greatly swollen and the horse soon got beyond its depth. The young girl was swept from her seat. The young man caught her and held her out of the water until men who were rushing to the rescue, had well nigh reached them, when he became so exhausted that his hold was broken and the rushing waters soon swept her down stream and she was drowned despite the frantic efforts made to save her. The young man was rescued but is in a precarious condition from his exposure while scores of men are dragging the river in an effort to locate the body. The little girl was about fourteen.—Pikeville Cor. Ashland Ind.

### DEATH OF A BABE.

Marion, the two months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hager, of Paintsville, died about midnight of Monday, Jan. 1st, at Riverside hospital. After funeral service at the hospital, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Redd, pastor of the Paintsville M. E. Church South, the body was taken to Paintsville Tuesday evening for interment. The child had suffered much from a spinal affection, and when it was attacked by jaundice it was unable to withstand the disease. Mrs. Hager, whose illness has been heretofore noted in this paper, is much improved.

George Roberts spent Sunday in Louisa with his family.

### CITY COUNCIL

### Elects All Officers Except a Marshal, Which Was a Deadlock.

The initial meeting of the new city council was held last Tuesday evening every member present and Mayor J. G. Burns presiding. The first business to be transacted was the election of city officers for the year 1912. For a while things in this line proceeded with the regularity and smoothness of clock work. J. L. Carey was re-elected treasurer. Jay Vinson attorney and Charter Wellman clerk. Why, it was as easy as falling on the ice. It was just "I move that so and so be elected so and so. Second the motion. All in favor say aye, carried." But when it came to making a new marshal the song was sung in double long meter in the key of six flats. There were four nominees, Milt Evans, Henry Sammons, Bunk Smith and R. A. Stone. There were two ballots, the first showing three votes for Evans, one for Stone, one for Sammons and one for Smith, and the second ballot was, as uncle Jim said about his razor, just like it. A cog had evidently slipped somewhere, and having the members vote in alphabetical order didn't help a little bit. The second ballot closed the election for the time being and the matter seems to have been indefinitely postponed. At Wellman continues to look after the street lights and Al, Wellman remains the boss of the fire department. Robt. Vinson is chairman of the finance committee and C. L. Miller is chairman of the improvement committee. The improvement committee was directed to put the streets in good order and the council adjourned.

### Safety Device For Railway Tracks.

Joseph B. Compton, a well known citizen of Buchanan, this county, has invented and patented a device which, if it meets the purpose for which it is intended, will save many a valuable life and make the inventor and his assignee, F. T. D. Wallace Jr., of this city, rich men. It is well known that what is known as the split switch is the great terror of railroad engineers. It is a hidden danger, one that cannot be seen or felt until it is hit, and then the next thing is the ambulance and the undertaker. Mr. Compton's invention is a rerailing device compressing main and turnout track rails, movable switch points and rerailing shoes located rearward of the respective switch points in the agnels formed by the converging main track and turnout rails on the two sides of the track, the said shoes being detachable from said rails, and engaging the webs of said rails, and bolts passing transversely through said shoes and through the rails between which they are located and adapted to clamp said rails and shoes together, substantially as described. The interstate commerce commission has the invention and has referred it to its committee on safety devices.

### ALL HELD TO ANSWER.

Salyersville, Ky., Dec. 31.—The examining trial of Berry Burton and the Harvey boys, charged with killing former Magistrate Sam Picklesimer Christmas evening, closed at noon today. Burton was refused bond. Charles Harvey was allowed bail in the sum of \$5,000, and the other two Harvey boys in the sum of \$1,000 each for their appearance at the next term of Circuit Court. Excitement ran high for several nights after the arrest, and mob violence was feared.

### PIKEVILLE MAN DEAD.

Mr. Ferd. C. Hatcher, a prominent citizen of Pikeville, died in that town last Monday after a lingering illness. He was for many years one of the leading Democratic politicians of Pike county, and was a popular and highly respected citizen. Mr. Hatcher was 64 years old and is survived by a widow and seven children. The body was taken to Beaver Creek for interment.

The Fiscal court settled with the Sheriff this week.

### Fraternal Societies, Elect.

On Dec. 27 Apperson Lodge F. & A. M., elected and installed the following officers:

W. M. Henry Evans.  
S. W., William Marrs.  
J. W., Will Queen.  
S. D., G. A. Nash.  
J. D. George Carter.  
Sec., S. J. Justice.

Treas., Augustus Snyder.

Tiler, N. D. Waldeck.

On Friday night, Dec. 29, Louisa Lodge No. 270, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers:

S. J. Picklesimer, N. G.

A. C. Holbrook, V. G.

C. E. Hensley, Sec.

W. C. Queen, Treas.

Louisa Encampment held an election of officers last Monday night with this result:

C. E. Hensley, C. P.

D. W. Blankenship, H. P.

H. B. Muncey, S. W.

J. B. Picklesimer, J. W.

W. M. Justice, Treas.

W. A. Marrs, Scribe.

### Salyersville Woman Suicides.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan.—Mrs. Nannie Howard 28, supposed to have come to Huntington from Salyersville, Ky., six months ago, committed suicide in apartments at 231 Seventh avenue at 6 o'clock last evening by draining a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid.

There is more or less mystery attached to the affair. About the only facts available last night were pertaining to the woman's age, former place of residence and the method by which she made her departure from the realm of mortal existence.

She lived on the second floor of an apartment, the first section of which is occupied by an Assyrian family. The first notice of the tragic affair was transmitted to Dr. Prichard by a woman of the neighborhood, and the physician arrived on the scene, but ten minutes before expired, too late to give relief.

### ANOTHER GAS WELL.

### Ashland Now Has Two Large Gas Producers.

At 10 o'clock today the news was flashed over the city that another gas well had been struck in the region of Murphy's Springs. An investigation of the report proved that it was true, and that Mr. W. R. Vansant, who is putting down a well on the McCown property not far from the well at Murphy's Springs, struck a flow of gas this morning at 10 o'clock at 550 feet. The flow was pretty strong when first struck, and Mr. Vansant kept the drill going until this afternoon, when another feeder was apparently struck and the flow was so strong that he had to stop drilling. It is said by those who visited the scene of this well that the flow is now even stronger than that which developed at the Murphy well. This was estimated to be at the rate of 4,000,000 cubic feet a day.—Ashland Independent.

### JAMES WELLMAN WORSE.

The many friends of Mr. James Wellman will regret to hear that he is alarmingly worse today. Mr. Wellman's illness is due mostly to the infirmities of old age and the family, who have been devoted attendants at his bedside greatly fear that he may not survive the day.—Catlettsburg Item.

Mr. Wellman was formerly a citizen of Louisa and has many relatives in this section.

### C. & O. WRECK.

C. & O. Cincinnati and Washington passenger train No. 5 was wrecked near McKenzie station, which is between Hinton and Thurmond last Thursday. The wreck was caused by a slide that occurred just as the engine approached the point of the accident.

The engine and first three cars of the train left the track, turning over and killing Engineer Duan. The unfortunate engineer was the only one seriously injured.